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Special Session Alert!



Special session debate: ***Taxes or no taxes?***

The 2003 legislative session ended April 27, however, lawmakers must return to Olympia for a special session to complete work on the state's two-year operating budget – at a cost to taxpayers of \$16,000 to \$18,000 per day.

On the day before the 105-day session ended, House Democrats and their leaders blocked the no-new-tax budget approach adopted by Senate Republicans and offered by House Republicans. Instead, they fought to the end to fund pay raises for most public employees.

The House Democrats' final budget requires \$360 million in tax increases, all to pay for \$460 million in pay raises for most public employees. Yet they failed to adopt all the tax bills and other legislation needed to support their added spending. A balanced budget is required by law, however, as it stands now, their budget essentially

would overdraw the state's checking account by \$420 million!

So, on May 12, a special session of the Legislature will convene in Olympia to settle this issue: Will the budget be balanced without new taxes or will new taxes be passed to increase the salaries of most public employees?

We believe tax increases are unnecessary and will remain committed to adopting a fiscally responsible budget that makes government live within its means, as you do at home or work.

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State budget proposals being considered in Olympia:			
Governor's Plan	Senate's Plan	House Republican Plan	House Democrat plan
Requires no new taxes	Requires no new taxes	Requires no new taxes	Requires a \$360 million tax increase

We'd like to hear from you...

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